

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Strong Arm Robbery

Newark Police are investigating a strong arm robbery which occurred at approximately 3:00pm this afternoon in a parking block in the 200 block of East Delaware Avenue.

At 3:15pm, the incident was reported to Newark Police. The victim, a 19 year old female, was walking in the parking lot of an apartment complex talking on her cell phone when she was approached from behind by a white male suspect. The suspect proceeded to grab the victim's cell phone from her hand and then fled on foot northbound through the parking lot. He was last seen heading towards East Main Street. Officers from NPD and UDPD responded to the scene, however, the suspect was not located. The victim was not injured.

The suspect is described as a white male, bald or with very short blonde hair, facial scruff and approximately 20-30 years of age. The suspect was wearing a dark gray hooded sweatshirt with light colored writing on the front, and tan pants.

A brief video clip of the suspect is attached with this release.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Morgan Fountain at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or morgan.fountain@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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